

Threatened and Endangered Species in Forests of Wisconsin

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AURICLED TWAYBLADE

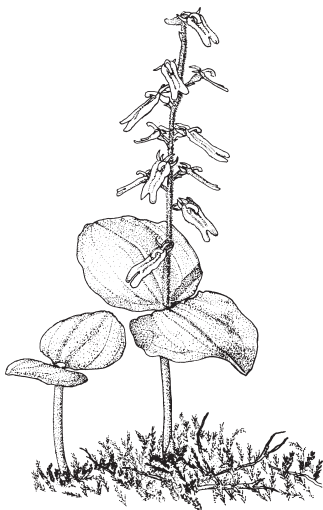
(*Listera auriculata*)

Federal Status: Not Listed

State Status: Endangered

Description: The auricled twayblade is a delicate orchid with a main stem about 8 inches tall bearing two blue-green oval leaves about a third of the way up from the base. The stem is hairy above but not below the leaves. Each stem bears around 15 tiny, green orchid flowers from late June to early August.

Habitat: Auricled twayblade plants grow in sandy-muck soil on alder shorelines. It is an orchid of cool climates, growing in Wisconsin near the shore of Lake Superior.



Forestry Considerations: Landowners along Lake Superior who clear beaches of alder and brush to keep an open view of the inland sea inadvertently destroy potential auricled twayblade habitat. Following Wisconsin's *Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality* would help protect this plant.

